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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: :
 TORSTEN HERRMANN ET AL : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION
 SERIAL NO: 10/030,699 :
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 FOR: INJECTION MOULDING DEVICE :

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-22 without prejudice.

Please add new Claims 23-44 as follows:

23. (New) An injection molding device for foamable materials comprising:
 a plasticizing means including, in succession, a feed section for receiving therein material to be plasticized, a conversion zone for plasticizing the material, and an ejection zone for discharging plasticized and compacted material;
 an apportioning means for apportioning a foaming agent to the plasticized and compacted material;
 a mixer for homogeneously mixing the foaming agent and the plasticized and compacted material; and